

Launch of *Tomorrow's Royal* at the sale of the Dr Paul Ramsay Collection of Hand Painted Envelopes

On 8th May 2018 *Tomorrow's Royal*, the appeal for funds to refurbish our new building at 15 Abchurch Lane, was launched at a splendid reception hosted by Spink and Son Ltd at their auction gallery in London. During the proceedings, the Society's President auctioned three of the lots of



President Patrick Maselis at the auction.

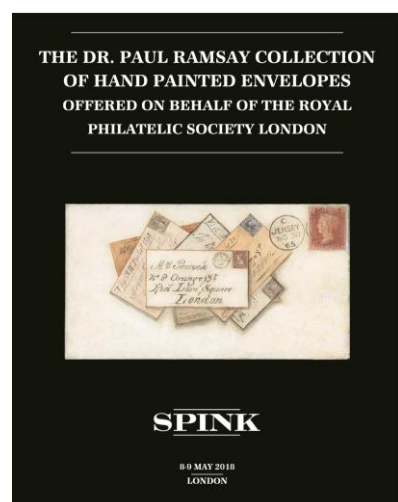
the Dr Paul Ramsay collection of hand painted envelopes, and with a further six raised an immediate £8750.

Peter Cockburn, Chairman of the *Tomorrow's Royal* Committee, made a presentation to explain that although the sale and purchase of the two buildings at 41 Devonshire Place and 15 Abchurch Lane had been about equal in price, there was a requirement for £3.5 million to fully refurbish our new home with the most modern facilities for our collections and our members, commensurate with the historic setting of the building.

The Society has about £2 million in various reserves to spend on the building, most notably on the library, making a further £1.5 million needed for the building and a further million pounds to rebuild our reserves to provide an income to cover the structural deficit.

The auction on 8th and 9th May was a tremendous success, with every lot being sold by the consummate skill of Thomi Smith on the rostrum, a catalogue by Dominic Savastano to cherish, and the wonderful facilities of Spink, provided gratis by Tim Hirsch and Olivier Stocker. The final sum realised was £166,955 on the day, with an additional gift from Spink of 5%, thus a total of £175,000. Dr Paul Ramsay, who was on family business in Portugal, said *"Fantastic, I'm very pleased it went so well, great news. I'll sleep well!"*

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Thank you to everyone involved, seller, buyers, describers, designers, and attendees, for a wonderful start to our campaign. In his speech, Peter Cockburn said:

"Today we launch *Tomorrow's Royal*. For 150 years past members and benefactors have given us an amazing legacy and it is now time for us to think out ways in which we, every one of us, can repay just a little of that heritage that we have inherited."

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